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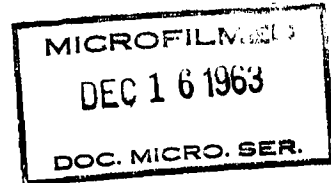
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① ✓ Heinrichs W. Bagatais
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During the early part of 1963, New York T-1, another government agency which conducts security type investigations, advised that Heinrichs W. Bagatais, a former Chairman in 1957 of Daugavas Vanagi (Latvian Veterans Organization), New York, New York, was suspected of Russian Intelligence Service involvement by an official German source.

New York T-1 further advised during September, 1963, that contact was made with Bagatais in November, 1957, in New York, New York. At this time, Bagatais, who was then Chairman of the Latvian Veterans Organization, was in charge of the Latvian Independence Day celebration. New York T-1 was at a social gathering at the subject's residence after the Latvian Independence Day celebration. About one year later, further contact was had with the subject at his residence. New York T-1 learned at that time that Bagatais had been a Soviet prisoner of war and was released in 1946. He further learned that the subject was going to make a trip to Australia in the near future.

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New York T-1 advised that the subject is a good friend of Robert Ancans, Chairman of the Latvian War Invalid Association. He was also known to be a good friend of Cecilia Lapins, who is employed as a masseuse in New York City. Lapins seems to have unusual amounts of money for a masseuse. Lapins reportedly donated \$5,000 to the Latvian War Invalid Association. To New York T-1's knowledge, the Latvian War Invalid Association in New York, New York, has never been attacked by the Soviet Press or Soviet propaganda organizations.

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New York T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 14, and September 21, 1961, that he had received the following information concerning Roberts Ancans, who resides at 103-33 115th Street, Richmond Hill, New York, USA. Ancans was born in a Province of Latvia, closest in geographic location and sympathies to the Soviet Union. He came to the United States in 1955 or 1956. Ancans is considered to be somewhat of a national Latvian hero inasmuch as he received one of the highest decorations possible when he fought with the Latvian Battalion on the Eastern Front during World War 2.

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Ancans, before World War 2, while Latvia was still free, was convicted in Latvia for Communist activities while he was a student in high school. He was released shortly after his arrest because it was felt his activities were motivated by his immaturity and the misinformation sometimes prevalent in students of his age. New York T-2 further stated that two of Ancans' sisters were arrested in Latvia for Communist activities before World War 2. After the Soviet domination of

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Latvia, one of his brothers became a member of the Latvian Puppet Parliament in the early stages of Soviet occupation during 1940.

After World War 2, in Latvia, Ancans was one of the founders of a disabled Latvian war veterans organization entitled "Latviesu Kara Invalidu Apvieniba". This organization was founded to split up the already existing Latvian war veterans organization known as Daugavas Vanagi and to weaken its activity.

New York T-2 stated that he has no specific information that Ancans is an espionage agent. However, since he has been in this country he has been instrumental in trying to create discord in recent national meetings of the American Latvian Association and is trying to belittle anti-Soviet activity on the part of this organization. New York T-2 stated, therefore, because of his activities and background, Ancans has come under suspicion by some Latvian leaders as a tool of the Soviet Union.

On June 12, 1962, and again on September 13, 1962, Roberts Ancans, 103-33 115th Street, Queens, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He stated that he is presently employed as a draftsman with the Otis Elevator Company in New York City.

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He stated that he had never been involved in any Communist activities nor had he been arrested in connection with any such activity. He did state, however, that one time, while he was in Riga, Latvia, he was questioned by the police concerning the activities of several students who were believed to be Communists. Ancans had roomed with one of these persons for a period of time.

He stated that his sisters had never been engaged in any Communist activities and had never been arrested for such activity. Likewise, none of his brothers, to his knowledge, had ever been members of the Communist Party (CP) nor had any of them ever served in the Latvian Parliament.

Ancans stated that he is the President of the American Latvian Handicapped War Veterans, Incorporated. This organization has no actual physical headquarters. He further advised that this organization actually goes back to World War 1 and they have some members from World War 1, some from the "Freedom War" in Latvia in the early 1920's, as well as veterans from World War 2.

He stated that he has never been a Communist and has never been active on behalf of the Soviets. He noted that he had been wounded eight times during World War 2, while he was engaged in fighting against the Soviets. He said he had no knowledge of any particular activity by the Soviets among the Latvians in the United States.

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Employment

On November 13, 1963, Mr. Edward O'Dowd, Personnel Manager and Security Officer, Roux Laboratory, 1841 Park Avenue, New York City, New York, made available to a Special Agent of the FBI the following information concerning employment of the subject at this concern:

Heinrichs Bagatais, Social Security Number 079-28-5729, was employed by this concern from January 22, 1952 until April 26, 1962, as a packer. His home address was listed as 412 Cathedral Parkway, New York, New York.

Mr. O'Dowd stated that Bagatais left Roux Laboratory of his own accord during April, 1962, for the purpose of moving to Australia and seeking work in this country. His work was entirely satisfactory and at the time that he departed from this company, he was eligible for rehire.

Records further reflect that on March 4, 1963, inquiry was received by this company from the California Unemployment Insurance Department reflecting that Heinrichs Bagatais, who was residing at 7162 Hawthorne Avenue, Los Angeles 46, California, had applied for unemployment insurance.

Mr. O'Dowd stated that it is his recollection at a later date, probably around April or May, 1963, the subject was in New York and reapplied for employment at the Roux Laboratory. He was refused employment because the company felt that he had attempted to take advantage of them by taking a vacation in California and attempting to collect unemployment insurance. Mr. O'Dowd does not know the present place of employment for the subject.

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